

“Therefore, Stand”
Ephesians 6:10-14

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

Five times you can expect spiritual attack:

1. When you are growing spiritually
2. When you invade enemy territory
3. When you expose the enemy
4. When you are breaking from the world
5. When you are being blessed

Five weapons for defensive warfare:

1. Belt of truth (Be Complete) – We can stand firm in truthfulness and sincerity of heart.
2. Breastplate of righteousness (Be Clean) – we can stand firm by walking in personal holiness

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:15, 16

3. Shoes of peace (Be Confident) – we can stand firm by recognizing that we have peace with God

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.” Romans 5:1, 2

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6, 7

4. Shield of faith (Be Covered) – we can stand firm by being protected from anything the enemy throws at us.
5. Helmet of salvation (Be Clear) – we can stand firm by mediating on all God has done for us and has planned for us.

“What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him,

graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 8:31-39